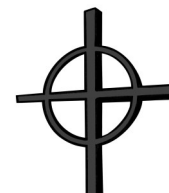




Sunday, July 2, 2023
5th Sunday after Pentecost



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Pastor Colin Cranmer - Welcome

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW p. 97)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living freedom, the rock upon which our nation was built, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism, and the liberty we enjoy.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life and liberty in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. By the Delaware River, our forefathers declared independence, inspired by your guidance. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

This Fourth of July weekend, we remember the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, crossed by those seeking a new life of freedom in this land.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the liberty we enjoy, granted by your grace, and upheld by brave men and women throughout our history. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, this Fourth of July weekend and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song Come - All Are Welcome (ELW 641)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain**

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans.

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation - (ELW p. 172)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Praise - by Elevation Worship

I'll praise in the valley
 Praise on the mountain
 I'll praise when I'm sure
 Praise when I'm doubting
 I'll praise when outnumbered
 Praise when surrounded
 'Cause praise is the water
 My sorrows drown in

As long as I'm breathing
 I've got a reason to

Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul

I'll praise when I feel it
 And I'll praise when I don't
 I'll praise 'cause I know
 You're still in control
 'Cause my praise is my power
 It's more than a sound
 Oh, my praise is the shout
 That brings Jericho down
 Oh, as long as I'm breathing
 I've got a reason to

Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 So I'm gonna
 Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 I won't be quiet
 My God is alive
 So how could I keep it inside?

Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 Praise the Lord

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
 Praise 'cause You reign
 Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
 I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
 Praise 'cause You're true
 Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

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Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 I gotta praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 I gotta praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul

I won't be quiet
 My God is alive
 How could I keep it inside?

I won't be quiet
 My God is alive
 How could I keep it inside?
 Oh, I won't be quiet
 My God is alive
 How could I keep it inside?

I gotta
 Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul



Creed (ELW p. 189)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill. For any near death and for all who grieve.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Announcements

Offering Song - Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW p. 190)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving / Dialogue

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 190)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving at the Table (ELW p. 190)

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song - Indescribable

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✝ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

Sending Song: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies: America the Beautiful (ELW 888)

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

Dismissal

Go in harmony and let your actions be a reflection of love. **Thanks be to God.**

Altar flowers for Sunday worship can be purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. If you are interested, please refer to the sign up sheet located in the narthex.

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Services are also available online each Sunday at 10 AM.

Please feel free to join the following small groups:

Women of St. Mark's - 1st Monday of the month @ 7 PM.

Reflections in the Spirit - 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7 PM.

Zoom Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday Night @ 7 PM

Yarns of Compassion - 3rd Monday of the month @ 7 PM.

Reminders

Sunday, July 9th - Pastor Rebecca Gordon will be leading worship.

Tuesday, July 11th - "Music of the 70's". Join us as we head over to Stiner Pavilion at 7:30 for a free concert. The Striepling's are bringing sandwiches, so we'd love it if you could bring additional food to share. Sign-up sheets are available online and in the narthex.

Friday, July 14th - COOL 19th Annual Golf Outing @ Bonnie Brook Golf Course. 10AM Check In, dinner at 4:30PM.

Come as You Are, Whoever You Are

Everyone is welcome at St. Mark's, no matter what you have done, what has been done to you, what darkness or struggles you have faced, and regardless of whether you have been marginalized by society or denied involvement by other churches.

All are worthy of God's love and grace. We celebrate diversity, and seek to be inclusive of every race, ethnicity, faith background, age, economic status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental ability, or anything else that divides us. Christ's church is not ours to control, nor is it our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. But it is our place to love all our neighbors, aid the less fortunate, and to be a voice on their behalf. Welcome!

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7



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